There are
some things in
this world
that are
beyond your
expectations

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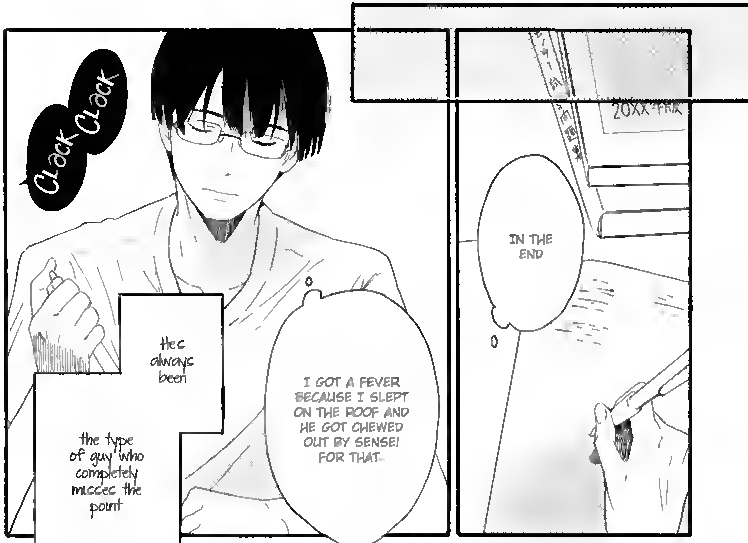
AREN'T YOU GONNA JOIN IN?
IT'S DODGEBALL
HMM
I'M GOING UP THE ROOF TO GET SOME SHUTEYE
SENSEI TOLD ME TO JUST WATCH,
IT'LL BE TROUBLE-SOME IF I COME DOWN WITH A FEVER

WANT TO GO WITH?


Clock Clock
He's always been the type of guy who completely misses the point
I GOT A FEVER BECAUSE I SLEPT ON THE ROOF AND HE GOT CHEWED OUT BY SENSEI FOR THAT...
IN THE END
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SUMIYOSHI? WHERE'S YASUTAKA -SAN?
HE SENT A MESSAGE SAYING THE TRAIN WAS LATE. MOM SAID YOU SHOULD EAT THIS AND WAIT.
SHINOMOTO, I'M COMING IN
KACHAK
AT LEAST PUT DOWN YOUR BAG FIRST.
Click
MOM SHOVED THIS TO ME AS SOON AS I GOT PAST THE DOOR
HEY, WHAT'S THAT...?
HUH? OH, THIS?
YOU'VE BEEN ASKING BROTHER TO TUTOR YOU A LOT
HIS EXPLANATIONS ARE EASY TO UNDERSTAND.
HOW ABOUT YOUR GET HIM TO TEACH YOU TOO?
NO WAY!
I GOT DUMPED
Haha

SHE SAID THAT WE SHOULD JUST GO TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY TOGETHER IF I'M NOT DECIDED WHERE TO GO.
HMM?
Does he like girls or
is he no good around them?
I TOLD HER THAT'D BE MEANINGLESS IF WE BROKE UP, THEN SHE PUNCHED ME
That'll definitely get you punched
Is he smart or just an idiot?
SLIM-YOSHI...
YOU SHOULD STOP THAT YOU JUST BREAK UP RIGHT AWAY
HEY, IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO BE DUMPED, Y'KNOW.
He was a guy I couldn't understand. It didn't matter that we were childhood friends for seven years already.
SO, SLIM-YOSHI, YOU HAVEN'T DECIDED WHAT COURSE TO TAKE?
I'LL GO TO WHICHEVER SCHOOL ACCEPTS ME
GEEZ, YOU...
HOW ABOUT YOU?
YOU CAN GET IN TOO IF YOU APPLY YOURSELF SERIOUSLY
YOU'VE OVERESTIMATING ME THERE
OH, SHIT. GOTTA RUN.
I'm gonna be late for my job
HUH?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
MY FIRST CHOICE IS K UNIVERSITY
OOH-- AS EXPECTED FROM YOU
So smart

GEEZ... What were you thinking?
He's smart but doesn't study
He's good at sports but won't join any club
I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.
I rarely see him with a serious expression
AH, BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW HIS GIRLFRIENDS FEEL
Sumiyuu
IT BECAUSE HE'S LIKE THAT
THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH HIM IT NEVER SEEMS LIKE HE'S REALLY SERIOUS
IT MAKES THEM UNEASY THAT THEY MIGHT JUST BREAK-UP AFTER GRADUATION
...WELL

SHI-
NOMOTO.

THAT CERTAINLY MAKES ME SOUND LIKE AN 'EX'-GIRLFRIEND THOUGH

SHINOMOTO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LUNCH?
NH
THANKS FOR YOUR NOTES

BUT THE ONES I DID TODAY ARE PRETTY...
SUMIYOSHI!

CANTEEN
WHY DON'T WE GO TOGETHER?
SURE BUT STOP SCRIB-BLING ON SOMEONE ELSE'S NOTES

NAH, IT'S PROBABLY JUST TO DISCUSS MY OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.
NH? What?
SETO'S ASKING FOR YOU. SAYS YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE TEACHER'S OFFICE.
EH, RIGHT NOW?
YOU CAN GO ON YOUR NEXT BREAK
SUMIYOSHI, WHAT DID YOU DO?
EH?
IT'S SUMIYOSHI, RIGHT?
OH, SO IT'S NOT FUNNY FOR YOU EITHER, HUH, SHINOMOTO?
Swap
HE JUST BROKE UP WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND AND ALREADY GIRLS ARE HANGING AROUD HIM.
IT'S IRRITATING HOW POPULAR THAT GUY IS
—I'M NOT JEALOUS OF HIS POPULARITY.

I'VE NEVER BEEN JEALOUS OF SUMIYOSHI'S POPULARITY
BUT, IT'S TRUE
NAH, NO NEED TO DENY IT, MAN
YOU'RE CLEARLY PISSED RIGHT NOW
...SO WHY AM I PISSED?
BECAUSE YOU'RE JEALOUS, RIGHT?
OH?
IF IT ISN'T SHINOMOTO WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I WAS IN THE AREA SO I THOUGHT I'D DROP BY
Just drop-ping by
WELCOME.

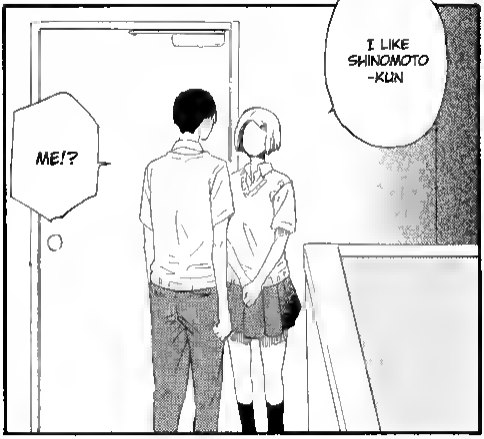
GOOD TIMING.
I'LL BE DONE IN ABOUT 10 MINUTES. SO JUST WAIT AWHILE
NH
YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS AT YOUR JOB.
WELL, I'VE GOT TO START SAVING UP FOR WHEN I MOVE OUT AND BEFORE WE KNOW WE'RE ALREADY GRADUATING AND
IF THERE'S ANY WAY I CAN GET AWAY FROM MY BROTHER, IT'LL
YOU REALLY DON'T GET ALONG WITH YASUTAKA-SAN, HUH?
ONCE YOU MOVE OUT OF THE HOUSE, WE'LL GET TO SEE EACH OTHER LESS AND LESS

NO NEED TO GET ALL SAD.
IT'S FINE IF YOU COME OVER TO HANG OUT SOMETIMES, RIGHT?
IN A PLACE WHERE I NEVER KNOW IF YOU HAVE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND OVER?
Pat
...JUST BECAUSE OUR UNIVER-SITIES ARE DIFFERENT,
DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE GONNA CUT OFF TIES FROM EACH OTHER.
...YOU'RE AN IDIOT.

YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT TO YOUR PREVIOUS GIRLFRIEND.
HMM...
I WONDER WHAT THIS IS?
IT'S NOT THE PRESSURE OF THE ENTRANCE EXAMS...
SOMEHOW, LATELY
THERE'S A PUZZLING SADNESS...
SHINOMOTO-KUN!

LIM...
IF IT'S ALRIGHT, DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME THIS LUNCH?
?
SURE
LIM...?
YEAH I remember
HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OUT ALL OF A SUDDEN
LIM, WE WERE IN THE SAME COMMITTEE IN 2ND YEAR
I'm going up the roof for a bit
Okay
WHAT WAS THAT?
IT'S A BIT LATE NOW TO BE ASKING ME ABOUT COMMITTEE MATTERS
IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S GOING TO REFUSE SO
SHE COULD HAVE JUST GONE DIRECTLY...
I LIKE YOU.
Huh!? Sweetmeat?
To the roof
Umm
TIMING-WISE,
MAYBE SHE NEEDS ME TO BE A GO-BETWEEN OR SHE WANTS TO ASK A FAVOR?
For Sumyesu

HUH?
AH!
IT'S NOTHING SORRY
I WAS SURPRISED
I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS


I LIKE SHINOMOTO -KUN
ME!?

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT ANYONE YOU LIKE AT THE MOMENT...
...NH?
Why did Sumiyoshi just now...
AH, BUT

I KNOW IT'S NOT THE BEST TIME, WITH US GRADUATING SOON AND ALL
BUT

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ME AN ANSWER RIGHT NOW...

SUM-IYOSHI?
HEY.

DING-DONG

KACHIK

CAN I COME IN?
SURE
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY TUTORING SESSION TODAY, RIGHT?
YUP.

?
AH, I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR ANY PARTICULAR REASON.
SO, WHAT?
I SEE
HUH?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
NO, I COULD HAVE SWORN I PUT IT IN MY BAG
IF IT'S THE VOCAB BOOK, IT'S IN MY BAG
Oh, yeah.
HM.
WHY YOU--
stop taking things without permission!!
SORRY, SORRY
I BORROWED IT TODAY.
HEY, SHINOMOTO--

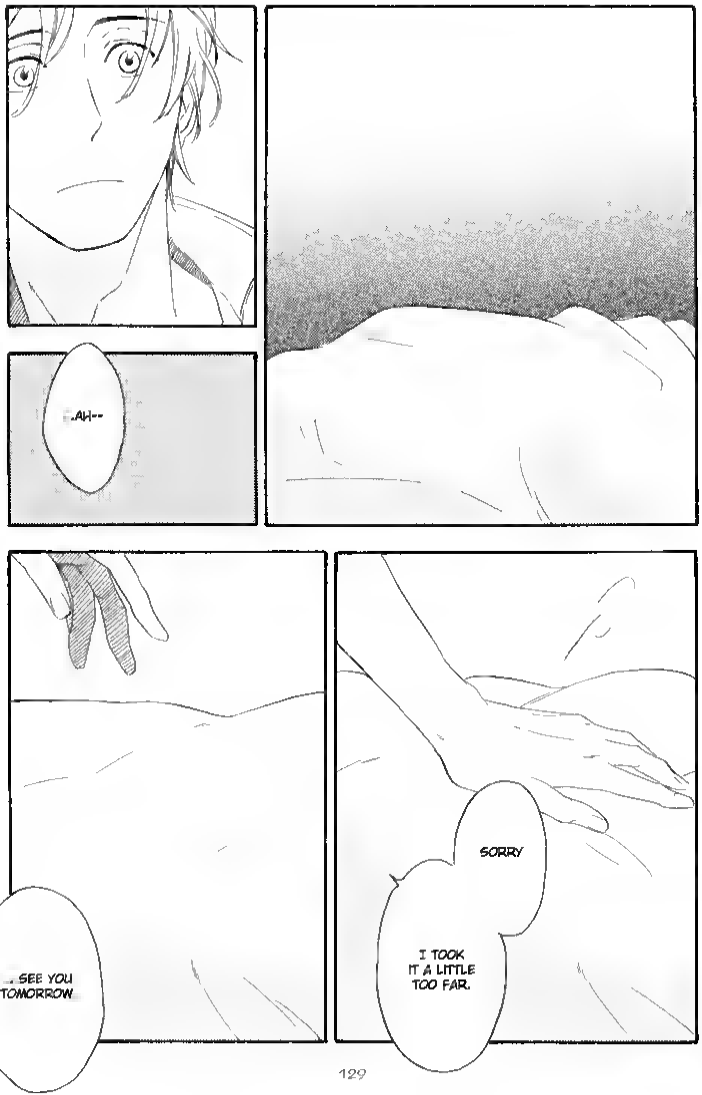
WHA..! WHY DO YOU-
I overheard you guys
SO? ARE YOU STILL THINKING ABOUT IT?
WHEN I WENT TO BORROW THAT, THEY TOLD ME YOU WENT TO THE ROOF.
ARE YOU GOING TO GO OUT WITH THAT GIRL?
"WHY"...? IT'S SUCH A BUSY PERIOD, I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF FREE TIME.
WHY NOT? THAT'S SUCH A SHAME.
--I'M NOT GOING OUT WITH HER.
SIP
AH, HERE IT IS...
Condom
YOU'RE SUCH A SERIOUS STUDENT, YOU SHOULD LIVE A LITTLE--
OH, SHUT UP! AND YOU, IT WOULDN'T KILL YOU TO STUDY MORE!

YOU.
BLUSH
WHY ARE YOU WALKING AROUND WITH THAT...?
SWOOSH
GYAA --!!
Eureka
HM? AH, SORRY.
MAYBE I SHOULD TEACH YOU SO THAT YOU DON'T MESS UP WHEN IT'S THE REAL DEAL.
QUIT IT!!
OF COURSE NOT!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
WHAT? HAVEN'T YOU USED ONE BEFORE, SHINOMOTO?
THUD
COME ON. NO NEED TO BE SHY.
WAH!
REALLY --.

JUST STOP IT..
SHOCK
I FELT SOME-THING
HA!?
LET'S JERK OFF ONCE?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING!!
WAI...
SUM-YOSHI, WHAT--

THAT'S WHEN WE WERE KIDS AND YOU TAKING IT COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTEXT!!
IT'S FINE! WE EVEN USED TO BATHE TOGETHER.
IT'LL BE PART OF THE LESSON TO USE CONDOMS
STO-...!
IT'LL BE FINE
WAI...
SERIOUSLY
STOP IT...!

THUD
Flip
BAM
SHINO
GO HOME!!
UGH!


..AH--
SORRY
I TOOK IT A LITTLE TOO FAR.
..SEE YOU TOMORROW.

THIS IS THE WORST
I didn't feel disgusted or embarrassed
Being held down like a woman
I was hoping for it
THAT TIME
CLENCH
I was looked down upon and
I reacted
THIS

the one that I thought of as I was being confessed to
The subject of my jealousy
I LIKE IS
THE ONE THAT

I CAN'T BORROW STUFF FROM YOU LIKE THIS
BORROW FROM SOMEONE ELSE.
LATELY, WHY AREN'T YOU AT YOUR CLASS-ROOM DURING BREAKTIME?
I'M BUSY WITH STUFF.
ARE YOU STILL ANGRY ABOUT LAST TIME?
HEY—
I'M NOT ANGRY.
GRANTED, THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR SUCH A SERIOUS GUY LIKE YOURSELF

BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN AFTER GRADUATING SO
EITHER WAY, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER, RIGHT?
That's right It's not a big deal.
Just a little longer and our paths will separate
If we don't see each other
these feelings will become just a memory
BESIDES, THESE WOULD NEVER BE RECIPROCATED.
I SHOULD FORGET ABOUT IT QUICKLY.

So as not to cause him trouble
So as not to let him notice
WHAT CAN I HELP WITH?
OH? WHAT IS IT?
JUST LISTEN ALREADY!
THIS IS UNUSUAL, FOR YOU TO INITIATE CONVERSATION.
--ANIKI",
Aniki = Brother
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU.
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

THUMP
WAH!
WAH!
WHAT
...
HEY

DON'T AVOID ME LIKE THAT. YOU'RE HURTING MY FEELINGS.
HERE.
?
IF YOU DON'T NEED ME FOR ANYTHING. .
THE RESULTS OF THE MOCK EXAM LAST TIME
IT WAS GIVEN BACK TODAY.
!
AH, HOLD ON A MINUTE.

MY RESULTS FOR K UNIVERSITY.
THE SCORE'S STILL JUST A B THOUGH.

THE UNIVERSITY'S HUGE
AND OUR COURSES ARE DIFFERENT.
I'LL BE SURE TO MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE ACTUAL EXAM.
WELL, ACTUALLY
EVEN IF I GO THERE, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MEET UP LIKE WE DO NOW BUT
THIS JUST MEANS THAT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO SAD.

--PFPT!
SHI-NOMOTO?
YOU'RE AN IDIOT. YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU'RE TARGETING K UNIVERSITY FOR THIS REASON!?
FWAP
AND YOU'RE EVALUATION SCORE'S ALREADY AT B...YOU BETTER APOLOGIZE TO THE GUYS WHO'VE BEEN STUDYING THEIR BUTTS OFF.
WHY?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHAT MY MOTIVATION IS? IT'S FINE
Clang
GEEZ...
SERI-OUSLY

SHUDDUP.
SAYS THE GUY WHO'S ACTUALLY PRETTY HAPPY.
He's always been like that
IDIOT...
Someday
I HAVE TO FORGET ABOUT THEM.
WHERE WILL THESE FEELING GO?
He'll address and look after one problem
but completely miss the overall point.
I will have to give up for good
but until then
. .SORRY, SUMIYOSH!
ABOUT WHAT?
But in the end he saves me somehow

...IT'S NOTHING
Truly,
there are just some things
in this world that are beyond your expectations.

Condom